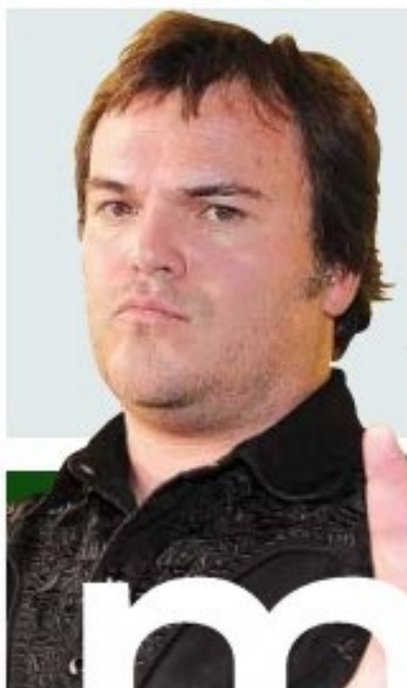

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Com-busted: Thief's loot led to home explosion

Copper-cutting. A Wissinoming man allegedly stripped copper piping from a vacant home, causing a natural gas leak that led to its combustion Saturday. **Flattened.** The two-story home was leveled, and clean-up crews have been deployed. No injuries were reported. PAGE 05

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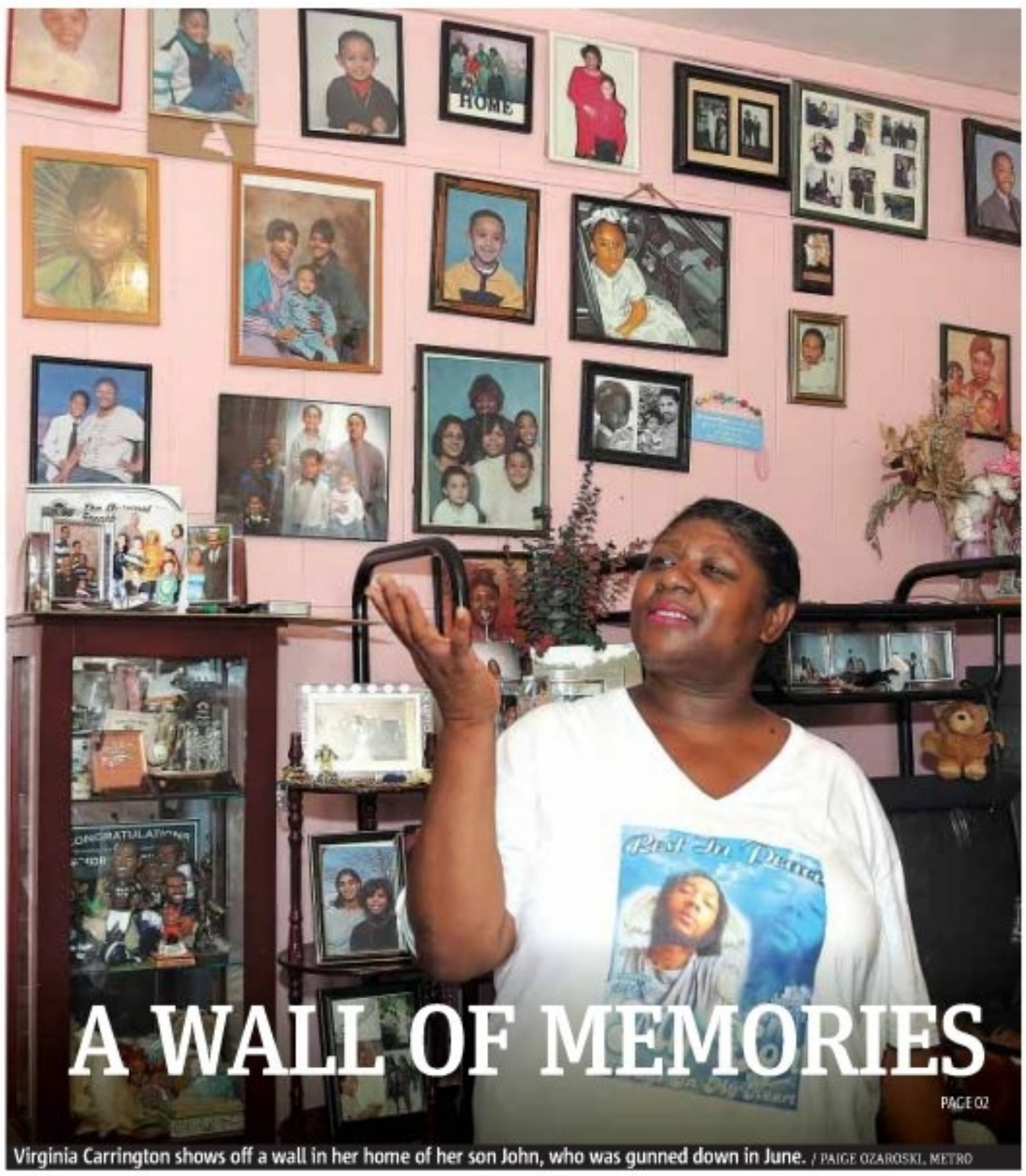

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Virginia Carrington shows off a wall in her home of her son John, who was gunned down in June. / PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

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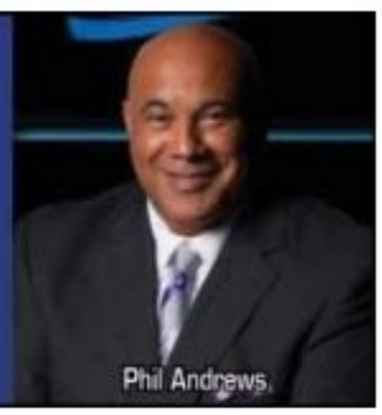
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"That's what I like about these Flyers prospects; I get older, they stay the same age."

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Members of Heeding God's Call gather at a vigil to mourn shooting victims yesterday. / PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

Shooting victim mourned at vigil

Grieving. Family members and advocates staged a vigil yesterday at the site where John Carrington was shot to death June 6.

John Carrington was sitting on the porch of his home on the 4900 block of Thompson Street the evening of June 6 when someone in a passing car opened fire, striking Carrington and two friends.

He managed to stumble about a half-block to Saint Bernard Street, where he collapsed and was rushed to the hospital.

Within three hours, he was dead. Carrington was only 21 years old.

Friends, family members and advocates traced the young man's last steps yesterday during a vigil in his Parkside neighborhood organized by Heeding God's Call.

"A lot of folks just don't understand the devastation afterwards," said Cheryl Seay, who lost her own son in 2011. "And when I say 'afterwards,' I mean after the service, after the people go away, you get this sick feeling in your stomach — and that never goes away."

The interfaith gun violence prevention organization has started staging "murder site witnesses" consisting of brief vigils — a practice that began with the organization's Harrisburg chapter.

"Every time there's a gun homicide in Harrisburg, they do one of these witness events on the street," executive director Bryan Miller said. "We would love to do the same thing in Philadelphia, but we'd be out there every night, almost, so we do them once a month on Sunday afternoon."

Miller said in the most basic sense, participants are witnessing for their faiths. But he said perhaps more importantly, the events serve to show residents whose lives have been touched by gun violence — especially in neighborhoods where such tragedies have become commonplace — that their struggles are not forgotten.

"We also hope to give people in what I would call 'damaged' neighborhoods and communities a sense of hope that they are not isolated, that there are people who aren't from their neighborhood who are concerned about how gun violence affects them, and we're doing everything we can on a daily basis to make their neighborhoods safer."

Carrington's mother, Virginia, said the outpouring of support helped ease her pain, but she'll never be fully healed. "The stress, it comes and goes," she said. "But like everybody said, it will never go away."

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A mother's grief

Pictures of him

Virginia Carrington said she struggles to find solace when it comes to the loss of her son. "This is where I sit and look at all the memories of the things he has done, from the time he was born to recently," she said, gesturing to rows of photos lining the walls of her home. "This is him."

Since her son was killed, Carrington often wakes up in the middle of the night thinking she hears his voice. The smells of certain foods also trigger memories. "He couldn't cook, but he liked to tell me how to cook," she recalled. "I can still hear him sometimes, saying, 'You're not supposed to make it that way — make it this way!'"

Still, Carrington has vowed to continue her involvement with anti-violence groups like Heeding God's Call. "I want to help other people because this is really outrageous," she said. "After a month, it's still overwhelming."

Quoted

"It's going to take every single one of us to stop this violence. We have to find out where these guns are coming from and tell someone."

Joel Seay, whose son Jarrell was killed in 2011

Video

Police seek suspect in baseball bat attack

Police released surveillance video of a suspect who on July 1 hit a man in the head with a baseball bat during an argument at a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through in Hunting Park.

Investigators said a 20-year-old man became involved in a dispute with a friend as they sat in the drive-through. As the two men argued, an unknown man can be seen pulling in behind them. The man allegedly got out of his car and hit the victim in the back of the head with a bat.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male who was last seen wearing a white tank top and dark-colored shorts. METRO

DUI crash

Police name driver in crash

Police have identified an alleged drunken driver accused of injuring four people in Oxford Circle Saturday during what authorities say was a DUI crash.

Erika Williams, 28, tried to swerve her car when a ball rolled into the roadway.

She instead jumped the curb, striking four pedestrians — a girl, 5, and a boy, 3, along with their mother, 36, and a second woman, 33. METRO

Gunfire

Three teens shot

Three teens were shot in Nicetown Friday night, reportedly after leaving a party in the area.

The teens, two 15 and one 16, were shot around the 4000 block of Germantown Avenue when a man opened fire at a gas station. METRO

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Murder/suicide

Man, daughter found dead

A father and his disabled daughter were found dead Saturday in their East Rockhill, Bucks County, home in an apparent murder-suicide, reports say. A caregiver found the bodies. METRO

Caught

NY Giant arrested at PHL airport

New York Giants linebacker, Penn State alum and former Dallas Cowboy Dan Connor was arrested at Philadelphia International Airport Saturday morning after he allegedly tried to smuggle a switchblade knife in his luggage.

Connor / GETTY IMAGES

Connor, 27, was trying to enter an airport terminal around 9 a.m. when a TSA officer operating an X-ray machine saw the knife in the pro football player's luggage.

Connor was charged with possession of an offensive weapon. METRO

A patriotic cooldown

Three-year-old Aimee Morris, of Lansdale, cooled off by the wading pool during the Taste of Philadelphia at Penn's Landing yesterday. / PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

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LONG ROAD AHEAD FOR DUTCH, DUDE

Darren "Dutch" Daulton and Lenny "Dude" Dykstra are both in for the biggest battles of their lives.

Dutch just successfully underwent brain surgery to remove two tumors, and the Dude was recently released from prison after losing just about everything.

Both were part of that 1993 Phillies team's magical ride to the World Series and, of course, that painful moment that rocked the entire city into stunned silence.

Quoted

"The next chapter in Lenny's life will be "The Comeback." If not, it's strike three, you're out."

Dutch and Dude led the team and were part of "Macho Row," representing what Philly was all about: Dude, the tobacco-chewing, run-through-the-wall, in-your-face-and-left-it-all-on-the-field type of guy; and Dutch, the undefinable leader of the clubhouse, a catcher who earned his stripes in the organization, with his chiseled features and confident swagger.

I got to know them both and still remain in contact to this day. I spoke with Lenny very recently, and I believe you will see him back in baseball. Dude needs to stick to baseball, away from the demons. And the next chapter in Lenny's life will be "The Comeback." If not, it's strike three, you're out.

Darren has a battle of a different kind. Being diagnosed with brain tumors and hearing it for the first time, I can't imagine that. But I do know this: Darren is one tough man who has been through his share of life's curveballs. The road ahead will be tough, but with the best care and the support of his teammates (family, friends and fans) Dutch will once again walk into a room with that big smile and swagger, and you will know that everything is going to be alright.

Cops: Copper thief arrested in house explosion

Stripped. The suspect allegedly cut and removed copper piping, causing a natural gas leak.

Philadelphia police have arrested an alleged copper thief who is accused of causing an explosion that leveled a Wissinoming home Saturday afternoon.

Members of the Philadelphia Fire Department responded around 12:20 p.m. to the 4700 block of Howell Street for a report of an explosion.

Officials with Philadelphia Gas Works, the city's Water and Licenses and Inspections departments and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security were also called to the site.

There, authorities found a two-story residential building completely flattened by an apparent blast.

An investigation allegedly revealed a scrap metal thief cut and removed copper piping from the home, causing a natural gas leak that sparked the explosion.

No injuries were reported, as officials said the affected property was listed for sale and had been vacant for about a year.

Police on Saturday arrested Michael Migliaccio, 35, of the 4800 block of Van Kirk Street, for allegedly stealing the copper and causing the combustion.

The charges

Migliaccio will be charged with:

- Burglary, theft, trespassing, criminal mischief, conspiracy, reckless endangerment and risking or causing a catastrophe, according to investigators.

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A little taste of Atlantic City in Philly

James Adelman, of New York, and Tiffany McPherson, of Atlantic City, are at the Atlantic City Alliance booth touting the city's new slogan, "DO AC," at yesterday's Taste of Philadelphia, a part of Welcome America! that featured food, music, vendors, entertainment and more.

PAIGE OZAROSKI, METRO

DUI crash

Delaware man faces sixth DUI

A Felton, Del., man was arrested Saturday for the sixth time for driving under the influence after he allegedly drove off a roadway and into a ditch, police said.

Vincent Ware Jr., 51, was driving his 2001 Ford F-150 pickup truck north on Turkey Point Road at 7:40 p.m. when he swerved off the roadway, Delaware State Police said.

Ware drove back onto the roadway and drifted to the left side of the street, and then drove off the left side of the road, police said. He suffered minor injuries when he was ejected from his truck. METRO

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Investigators seek cause

Firemen and investigators examine the wreckage from a Boeing 777 airplane that crashed Saturday while landing at San Francisco International Airport. / GETTY IMAGES

NTSB. There was no indication of a criminal act, but it's too early to tell what went wrong.

U.S. officials examined flight information recorders and began investigating the crash of an Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 that burst into flames upon landing in San Francisco, killing two teenage Chinese students and injuring more than 180 people, officials said yesterday.

There was no immediate indication of the cause of Saturday's accident, but Asiana said mechanical failure did not appear to be a factor. The airline declined to blame either the pilot or the San Francisco control tower.

Eric Weiss, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said the plane's "black boxes" — the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder — had been recovered and were sent to Washington for analysis. The Federal Aviation Administration also was investigating, and Asiana Airlines said yesterday that Korean accident investigators were on their way to San Francisco.

"Everything is still on the table," NTSB chairwoman Deborah Hersman said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Investigators will interview the pilots and look at data from the black boxes, radar equipment and other information to determine the cause of the crash, she said in an interview on CNN. The plane was coming in from Seoul, South Korea, when witnesses said its tail appeared to hit the approach area of a runway that juts into San Francisco Bay. One witness said the plane appeared to be coming in too low and too fast.

The impact knocked off the plane's tail, and the aircraft appeared to bounce violently, scattering a trail of debris before coming to rest on the tarmac. REUTERS

Quoted

"It's really important to put all of the pieces of the puzzle together."
Hersman

Deaths

2
The crash killed two teenage Chinese students.

Injuries

180
The crash injured more than 180 people.

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# of deadly plane crash

Navigation system

Airport landing system off when plane crashed

A navigation system that helps pilots make safe descents was turned off at San Francisco airport on Saturday when a South Korean airliner crashed and burned after undershooting the runway, officials said.

The system, called Glide Path, is meant to help planes land in bad weather. It was clear and sunny, with light winds, when Asiana Flight 214 from Seoul, South Korea, crashed.

Aircraft safety experts said Glide Path was far from essential for routine landings.

The crash was the first fatal accident involving the Boeing 777, a popular long-range jet that has been in service since 1995. / GETTY IMAGES

Hard and fast

Crash causes confusion, frayed nerves

Bystanders watching the Boeing 777 flight make a seemingly routine approach to a runway were stunned to see it come in fast and hit the ground hard. On board, passengers' survival instincts took over.

Vedpal Singh was on board the flight when the aircraft struck the landing strip hard.

"Your instincts take over. You don't know what's going on," said Singh, who had his arm in a sling as he walked through the airport's terminal, telling reporters he had suffered a fractured collar bone. REUTERS

Two dead

Crash victims mourned on microblogs

One of the two victims of Saturday's deadly plane crash, Wang Lin Jia, 16, was reluctant to say goodbye to her friends, according to her Tecent Weibo page (a Chinese version of Twitter) shortly before her death.

In one post, Wang wrote, "Maybe time can dilute the coffee in a cup and flatten the contour of memory."

On Friday, one day before the crash, she posted her last Weibo message in English, simply saying "Go."

The other victim, Ye Meng Yuan, 16, was a classmate of Wang's, a newspaper in Beijing reported.

Mourners have left thousands of messages on the girls' Weibo pages. Some are from their close friends, but most are from strangers.

One wrote, "Little sisters, good luck on your road in heaven."

According to their microblogs, Wang was the class monitor, a special position in the Chinese education system, and was good at Chinese calligraphy and recitation. Ye was also a stellar student, a leader and was a proficient piano player, her page indicates.

According to another Beijing daily newspaper, the girls were among 30 high school students who were going to visit several California colleges, such as the University of California, Berkeley and UCLA. SHENGYING ZHAO

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52nd St. and Haverford Ave., 1–5pm

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Death toll rises.
About 40 missing after oil train blast

The death toll from the explosion of a runaway freight train in a small Quebec town rose to five and another 40 people are missing, police said yesterday.

The driverless train derailed and blew up early Saturday in Lac-Megantic, destroying dozens of buildings in the center of the town.

"Two more people have been recovered, two more bodies, which brings the [death] total to five ... there are about 40 people, more or less, who are considered to be missing," police spokesman Michel Brunet told reporters. "There could be more. There could be less." REUTERS

Wreckage continues to burn yesterday after a freight train loaded with oil derailed Saturday in Lac-Megantic in Canada's Quebec province. / GETTY IMAGES

Huge crowds rally in Egypt, political process blocked

Violence. In Alexandria, where 14 people died on Friday, clashes broke out again

Hundreds of thousands of supporters and opponents of ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi gathered in Cairo and Alexandria yesterday, two days after similar gatherings led to nationwide clashes that claimed more than 30 lives.

The crowds, likely to stay on the streets until the early hours, raised the risk of further violence while a military-driven plan to resolve the political crisis remained mired in mistrust and confusion, dashing hopes of a quick fix.

Protesters opposed to Morsi crammed into Cairo's Tahrir Square and at the presidential palace in a festive atmosphere. Unlike Friday, there were no running street battles with Morsi's supporters and soldiers.

Those who backed Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood movement concentrated in vast numbers outside a mosque in the northeast of the city, and outside the Republican Guard barracks where Morsi was being held and three people were killed on Friday. REUTERS

People attend a large rally in Tahrir Square against ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi yesterday in Cairo, Egypt. / GETTY IMAGES

U.S. support

Lawmakers urge calm, cautious approach to Egypt

The United States is unlikely to pull its $1.5 billion in mostly military aid to Egypt any time soon, U.S. lawmakers said yesterday, despite the Egyptian military takeover of the government.

"We should continue to support the military, the one stabilizing force in Egypt that I think can temper down the political feuding," U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said on CNN's "State of the Union."

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Snowden: NSA 'in bed with' Germany and most others

Spying. Snowden fled in May a few weeks before details were published.

America's National Security Agency works closely with Germany and other Western nations on a "no questions asked"-basis, former NSA employee Edward Snowden said in comments that undermine Chancellor Angela Merkel's indignant talk of "Cold War" tactics.

"They are in bed with the Germans, just like with most other Western states," German magazine Der Spiegel quotes him as saying in an interview published yesterday that was carried out before he fled to Hong Kong in May and divulged details of extensive secret U.S. surveillance.

"Other agencies don't ask us where we got the information from and we don't ask them. That way they can protect their top politicians from the backlash in case it emerges how massively people's privacy is abused worldwide," he said.

Snowden's comments about cooperation with governments overseas, which he said were led by the NSA's Foreign Affairs Directorate, appear to contradict the German government's show of surprise at the scale of the United States' electronic snooping. **REUTERS**

Globo newspaper

Brazil targeted by NSA, report claims

Brazil will demand an explanation from the U.S. over reports its citizens' electronic communications have been under surveillance by U.S. spy agencies for at least a decade, foreign minister Antonio Patriota said yesterday.

Patriota's remarks were in response to a report in the Globo daily newspaper yesterday saying that the National Security Agency has been monitoring the telephone and email activity of Brazilian companies and individuals as part of U.S. espionage activities.

The report cited documents obtained from U.S. fugitive Edward Snowden.

Demonstrators rally for Edward Snowden and other whistleblowers at Place du Trocadero in Paris yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Fatal disease

Two more die in Saudi Arabia from MERS

Two more people have died of the SARS-like coronavirus MERS, Saudi Arabia's Health Ministry said, bringing to 38 the number of deaths from the disease inside the country shortly before Islam's Ramadan holiday when many pilgrims visit.

A 2-year-old child died in Jeddah and a 53-year-old man died in Eastern Province, where the outbreak has been concentrated, the ministry said in a statement on its website. Four people have died outside the kingdom.

The ministry said another three people had been confirmed as being infected with Middle East respiratory syndrome, bringing the total number of confirmed cases inside the kingdom to 65 since it was identified a year ago. **REUTERS**

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CULTURE

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We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Matthew Perry doesn't mind that he can't sleep, Dwayne Johnson is feeling much better after his massage, Jason Alexander just lost a lot of money and Kevin Nealon knows a lot about zombies.

@MatthewPerry: The one upside of the ridiculous jet lag I am experiencing is that I am up for Breakfast at Wimbledon live! No DVR for me!

@TheRock: A masseuse named Kristina. Four Seasons - Budapest. THE strongest hands I've ever felt. Pain so good I think I met Jesus.

@IJasonAlexander: Brutal day of poker. Great hands simply didn't hold up. I got crushed. But this is when I remember, I have a great f—ing life. So, onward.

@kevin_nealon: Zombies would do well in college because they're great at pulling all-nights. #ZombieFacts

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Beyonce and Solange did not attend their father's wedding

Did you watch "Life Is But a Dream," the documentary about how Beyonce became the megastar she is? The biggest takeaway was how rigid of a father and manager Mathew Knowles was to his daughters. After Beyonce and Destiny's Child lost on "Star Search," he quit his job to oversee the act and developed a pop "boot camp." One daily task he made them do was to jog while singing,

in order to develop the stamina needed to perform in arenas. Mathew Knowles is why Beyonce is Beyonce.

But that doesn't mean she has to go to his wedding.

Knowles married Gena Avery in Atlanta last

Sunday, but Beyonce and Solange did not attend. "Unfortunately, Beyonce and Solange had previous engagements which made it impossible for them to attend," Mathew Knowles told TMZ.com.

This snub further solidifies rumors that Beyonce is on the outs with her dad. Beyonce famously fired him as her manager in 2011. The fact that Knowles fathered a son named Nixon while still married to his first wife and Beyonce's mother, Tina Knowles, also probably doesn't help family get-togethers.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Paltrow more positive on marriage

Despite some griping about marriage being "hard" earlier this year, Gwyneth Paltrow insists that getting hitched to Coldplay frontman Chris Martin was a great idea. When asked by Good Housekeeping about the best decision she's made in her life so far, Paltrow says, "To marry my husband."

In May, her thoughts on marriage to Glamour magazine sounded more weary, though: "It's hard being married," Paltrow told the magazine. "You go through great times, you go through terrible times."

Paltrow and Martin celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this coming December.

Charles Saatchi makes another scuzzy move

In the wake of allegedly choking wife Nigella Lawson in public last month, art collector Charles Saatchi is divorcing her, he confirms to the Mail. "I am sorry to announce that Nigella Lawson and I are getting divorced," Saatchi says. "I am disappointed that she was advised to make no public comment to explain that I abhor violence of any kind against women. The row ... could equally have been Nigella grasping my neck to hold my attention — as indeed she has done in the past."

Hold up! Why is he blaming her for their divorce? Does he want us to feel sorry for him because he was caught being a jerk? Also, come on, Nigella — I hope the fact you haven't said anything on the matter is because you are launching a massive PR campaign that makes you seem strong, confident and assured. As of right now, giving him a voice (no matter how sleazy that voice is) while you have none isn't working.

Talking points

Tatum relaxes in the buff

Some men like to relax with a nice glass of scotch when they get home, but for Channing Tatum nothing beats nudity. The recently crowned Sexiest Man Alive tells Elle magazine that he can't fight the urge to strip down the second he walks in the door. "I have a really nice back porch where the pool is," he says. "Once the shoes are off, the socks come off too, and then everything else downstairs just follows at some point."

Gomez and Bieber: Back on?

Are serial on-again, off-again romancers Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez back on again? They certainly looked pretty cozy in an Instagram photo Bieber posted from a Fourth of July party along with the hashtag "heartbreaker." Gomez also popped up in an Instagram video posted by Bieber's pal Alfredo Flores at the same party. If they are back together again, Gomez's friends certainly aren't thrilled about it, according to Radar Online. "She knows he's not the right thing for her, but she can't stay away," a source says.

Long weekends, celeb-style

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Hamptons hot shots

1 **Alec Baldwin**, alongside pregnant wife Hilaria, made an appearance Friday at the Hamptons International Film Festival in East Hampton City, N.Y.

Blue suede singer

2 The melodies clearly run deep through **John Mayer**, who performed on NBC's "Today" show in New York on Friday.

Yo, Adrian!

3 Maybe the Fourth of July heat got to "Entourage" star **Adrian Grenier**, as his signature hair looked extra curly in Malibu, Calif., Thursday.

Winning in white

4 Singer and actress **Brandy** stunned in a white dress before yesterday's 2013 365 Black Awards in New Orleans.

Paying tribute

5 Country artists (and husband and wife) **Trisha Yearwood** and **Garth Brooks** came together for a good cause: a benefit concert for Oklahoma tornado relief yesterday in Norman, Okla.

Mumford & strums

6 **Marcus Mumford** took the stage during Summer Stampede at Olympic Park in London on Sunday.

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'100 percent real' and 100 percent 'Drunk'

'History' lesson. The creators of "Drunk History" discuss their snobby approach to Internet comedy and what drew Jack Black to the project.

"Drunk History" premieres Tuesday at 10 p.m. on Comedy Central. Look for Bob Odenkirk as Richard Nixon and Jack Black as Elvis Presley. Go online for a full Q&A with Waters and Konner, inset. / RON BATZDORFF

"Drunk History" began as a short film for Derek Waters' comedy act, and that's all it was supposed to be.

"Its only intent was to be for a live show I was doing," Waters reminisces. "It was my own show and I was trying to show videos. I figured it was better to make people laugh than to put it online."

But it grew into an Internet sensation picked up by Funny or Die and now, seven years later, Waters and co-creator/director Jeremy Konner are bringing their "Drunk History" to Comedy Central. Waters says his initial reluctance to even put the videos online came from how people used to view Internet comedy.

"It was right when the Internet was being judged by hits over comedy. I'm still a snob, but I was a bigger one back then," he says. "Nothing really happened until we put it on the Internet and it got on the front page of YouTube and then Jack Black saw it and said, 'I always wanted to be Ben Franklin.' And that was that. You can't really turn down Jack Black. Why would you?"

Gathering comedic friends and notable fans, Waters and Konner film drunken narrators as they tell enthusiastic historic tales warped by inebriation, brought to life by A-list celebrities with truly hilarious results. While it's hard to imagine that the participants are actually that drunk, Waters assures us that everything, even the vomiting, is the result of unscripted excess.

"It's 100 percent real," says Waters. "The narrators are completely drunk and the re-enactors are completely sober. We're trying as hard as we can to tell you about history. It just so happens that it's slightly altered."

But Konner says the narrators plan enough in advance that they at least try to get their stories straight. But that never happens.

"We absolutely allow the stories to take their course," he says. "We go in with a plan and the plan goes out the window immediately. What's been funny and interesting in this process is that people know the story very well. They do the research — which they should — they brush up and read over their books. We think we know how the story is going to go, but no!"

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Make a Wish?

Black is back (along with other all-stars)

Taking on stories about Elvis, Nixon, Nader, Lincoln and more, "Drunk History" hosts recurring guests like Jack Black, along with A-listers like Dave Grohl, Bob Odenkirk, Lisa Bonet, Bill Hader, Aubrey Plaza, and Owen and Luke Wilson.

- "I knew some of them," says Waters, pictured above, "but we had a casting director and we would dream a little dream. There's no real way to say how this all happened, because I still don't know. I've often thought I'm in the Make a Wish Foundation and I'm about to get really bad news."

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Yo La Tengo have no plans to 'Fade' away

Interview. Frontman Ira Kaplan loves that his band can do whatever they want.

Are they the inventors of indie music? / PROVIDED

There are people who credit Yo La Tengo with inventing indie rock. A lot of people, actually. And, if it's true, it's a pretty epic legacy. If you ask frontman and co-founder Ira Kaplan, however, he's reluctant to even entertain the idea.

"That's something that really does not enter into our life much," he explains. "Even the notion of indie rock is nothing I'm particularly fond of. I don't really know what it is. On a personal level, when a band says that to me, it is meaningful. I mean, I'm proud of what we've done, but I think about it as little as possible."

It's that lack of pretension that has largely contributed to the Jersey band's staying power. Fronted by Ira and his wife, Georgia (the two have been together even longer than the band), Yo La Tengo have been making music for just about three decades.

"Fade," their most recent release, is the trio's tightest album in more than a decade. Released on the heels of 2009's "Popular Songs" (which had tracks that clocked in at 10 and 15 plus minutes) and 2008's "They Shoot, We Score" (a staggering 27-track record), "Fade" almost feels like a concession to listeners' dwindling attention spans.

"We did consciously make this new record a shorter record, thinking … that we wanted to challenge ourselves to do something more succinct," Kaplan says.

Still, he continues, "I wouldn't use the word concession. I grew up when making a double album was something a band did. That was a statement. And the lexicon I grew up with is still mine, and I think that, with the realization that we had made something like six double albums in a row, I wanted to know for myself that we could do something shorter. Certainly nobody was demanding it but us."

That notion of only meeting self-imposed challenges seems like the driving force for the band that may or may not have created indie rock.

"I think we're in a good position," says Kaplan. "We get to do whatever we want."

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The man behind the mask

Interview. Armie Hammer is fine playing second fiddle to his sidekick in "The Lone Ranger."

Armie Hammer, in the mask, plays the reluctant outlaw in "The Lone Ranger." / PETER MOUNTAIN

Armie Hammer doesn't have a future as a stand-up comic. Just minutes before I sit down for a chat with the "Lone Ranger" star, he attempted a joke in front of a packed press conference. It did not go well. "What do you call 64 Cherokee in a room?" he asked, interrupting Johnny Depp. "Full blood!" His punch line, unfortunately, was met with a frosty, confused silence. "It's a safe joke," he offered.

So after that, I have to ask about your unsafe jokes.
Oh, no, no. I'm afraid I'm already going to get in enough trouble probably for that safe joke.

Did that feel like it didn't quite go over well?
I think it went over as best as could be expected. It's a cold room.

You're the title character here, but this is very much a Johnny Depp movie. Was there any ego-checking that you needed to do to get used to that idea?
He's been involved in this movie since 2006. I mean, if I actually went into it with the idea of "I'm playing the Lone Ranger, this is my movie," then I probably would've had to go through some kind of process, but I was just happy to be there working.

You've got your Western hero, plus you've done the all-American G-man in "J. Edgar," the Harvard twins in "The Social Network" and Prince Charming in "Mirror Mirror." Are you worried about typecasting?
Not really. I think that's just how people see me, which is fine. I mean, I'm not complaining by any means. I don't really think about types when I choose a movie. For me, it's just more important about who's involved.

Are there roles that are more against type for you that you've been dying to play?
I'm sure I could do that actor masturbatory thing of, "I'd love to get face tattoos and shave my head." I don't know. I'll take whatever job has a great director and a great script.

Was there anyone on the set counting how many bullets were fired?
Yes, yes there was! Harry Lu. Anytime he gave a, "Just so you know we've shot more than six bullets," it was made clear to everybody, but then it was like a "Whatever, we've just got to do this" kind of thing. But it looks like you're going into it looking for a problem. Just go into it to be entertained and you will be sufficiently entertained — or Disney will give you your money back.

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Another view

All about the chemistry

Meeting Armie Hammer, it's very difficult not to like him. The man is charming, polite and intensely good-natured. Coincidentally, that's exactly how he feels about his co-star, Johnny Depp. It's those shared traits that create the chemistry between the Lone Ranger and Tonto that are necessary for the film to work. "I would say that it's 90 percent just that we're both generally agreeable people and 10 percent that almost everyone else that you deal with in this business sucks," Hammer says. "You can smell that s— when someone's working with someone they don't actually like."

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The noted lunatic/survivalist is joined by others on "Get Out Alive with Bear Grylls." / JASIN BOLAND, NBC

REALITY

'Bizarre Foods America'

In this episode, Andrew Zimmern (who is like the Bear Grylls of the culinary world) goes off in search of "octopus bile sac." We wish him well surviving that, let alone enjoying it. **9 P.M., TRAVEL**

REALITY

'The Real Housewives of Orange County'

The ladies embark on a Canadian ski trip. On a scale of one to 10, we wonder how distraught their henpecked significant others would be if they all got buried under an avalanche. **9 P.M., BRAVO**

REALITY

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No, it's not 'Before Sunrise'

Chat-a-thon. The placid, Vienna-set "Museum Hours" provides a space for minds to wander.

Bobby Sommer plays a laid-back attendant (who's into metal) in "Museum Hours." / CINEMA GUILD

A well-curated museum is more than a mere collection of objects. If done right, it has been carefully — but not too carefully — organized to allow ideas, styles and images to bounce off each other. When we first see him, low-key museum attendant Johann (Bobby Sommer) is sitting still in one of the spacious rooms over which he lords. He looks like just another object. In a sense he is.

In "Museum Hours," director Jem Cohen treats Johann as he does the film's other characters, sights and ideas: as objects, collected by him and arranged about the movie as one would decorate a museum space.

The loose plot finds Johann befriending Anne (Mary Margaret O'Hara), a Canadian tourist in Vienna to visit an ill friend. Much like "Before Sunrise," the two engage in a series of loose, ruminative conversations about culture, life and themselves. (One surprising revelation: The gentle Johann loves him some metal.) Unlike "Before Sunrise," there's no romantic tension or even a sense that they're really the film's centerpiece.

Though Johann regularly pipes up on the soundtrack, our real guide is Cohen himself. A longtime documentarian whose most famous films involve music (he directed the much-loved "Instrument," on Fugazi), he cuts away from his two stars to the things that surround them. Even when his camera sits with them for long stretches, the framing is decentered, so that viewers' eyes are encouraged to wander to other, equally (or more) interesting things.

The film's key scene involves neither Johann nor Anne, but an erudite tour guide patiently arguing with a mildly surly group of American tourists over the massive, dense canvasses of the Flemish renaissance painter Pieter Bruegel. The guide eventually ends the debate with a slightly passive-aggressive, "There's no reason we all have to share my opinion."

That could've been Cohen's credo in making this film, which is incredibly open even as it occasionally nudges viewers in specific directions. It can get a bit milquetoast, as when Johann talks of time evaporating or the museum's artists dying poor. But Cohen leaves the deeper thinking up to the viewer. This incomparably gentle film — with no musical score and giant chunks of quiet people watching — provides the space for minds to wander.

Review

'Museum Hours'

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This guy could be the next Eddie Murphy

Comic rock star. For his second stand-up movie, Kevin Hart turns the jokes from his family to himself.

Kevin Hart packs Madison Square Garden for his second stand-up film, "Let Me Explain." / KEVIN KWAN, SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

Kevin Hart's rise to fame has been a peculiar one. A Philly-born comedian who sells out arenas, Hart should be anointed as the next Eddie Murphy. And yet, instead of being a household name, Hart remains on the fringes.

"Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain," his second stand-up movie, seems like Hart reminding people why his hype is warranted. A chunk of the first half has him touring Canada and Europe, playing sold-out shows to grateful foreign folk who only know him from YouTube clips (and, for some reason, 2004 bomb "Soul Plane"). The concert part has him performing a sold-out, racially mixed Madison Square Garden crowd — a feat that's rarely achieved by comics. He's almost subtly reminding people that even Murphy at his mega-star prime couldn't pull that off. ("Eddie Murphy Raw" was filmed in Madison Square Garden's less spacious Felt Forum.)

Even though Hart hits the stage like a comic rock star, coming out to fiery pyrotechnics and rocking an all-black outfit featuring a leather shirt and a gold chain, Hart consistently spends his set making himself the butt of his own jokes. Whereas "Laugh at My Pain" had him talking about his dysfunctional family upbringing, "Let Me Explain" shows Hart mostly riffing on his bad luck with women, especially with his ex-wife. He chalks up their breakup to him being a bad liar, as well as a friend not helping him when he was caught cheating.

As a comedian, Hart's most winning strengths have not only been his ability to make fun of himself, but also his willingness to appear imperfect and vulnerable onstage, which is practically a rarity in the infallible, I-ain't-no-punk world of black stand-up comedy.

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Director. Leslie Small, Tim Story

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Gru kills the Lone Ranger

Box office. Yet another mega-blockbuster (somewhat unfairly) bit the dust this weekend.

The reformed villains of "Despicable Me 2" laid claim to lots of Americans' money this weekend. / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

The diminutive minions of "Despicable Me 2" upstaged Johnny Depp at the weekend movie box office.

The animated sequel hauled in an impressive $82.5 million in the United States and Canada from Friday through Sunday, more than double the weak $29.4 million for Walt Disney's big-budget Western "The Lone Ranger," which stars Depp as the masked man's Native American partner Tonto.

The two films began their box office battle on Tuesday night to grab moviegoers ahead of Thursday's Independence Day holiday. From their debuts through Sunday, "Despicable Me 2" earned $142.1 million, while "Lone Ranger" grossed just $48.9 million, below pre-opening forecasts for at least $60 million.

Families lifted "Despicable Me 2," which finished far above industry projections and achieved the biggest-ever five-day opening for an animated film.

In the new film, Gru is a single father to three adopted daughters and becomes a spy for an anti-villain league. His devoted group of workers, the goggle-and-overall-wearing minions, get more screen time for their slapstick antics and song-and-dance numbers.

"The Lone Ranger" cost Disney $225 million to produce plus at least $100 million for marketing. The poor opening raises the possibility that the movie could saddle the media giant with a loss on the film, which is an action remake of a 1930s radio show and a 1950s TV series.

"Obviously this is disappointing," said Dave Hollis, vice president of distribution for Walt Disney Studios. "It obviously didn't connect with audiences, and it's frustrating for us. We felt we had everything in place for it to succeed."

"The Lone Ranger" added $24.3 million from international theaters during the weekend, bringing its global take to $73.2 million through Sunday, according to Disney. Hollis said it was still "a little too early to tell just yet" whether the film might eventually be profitable, with the bulk of its international openings still to come.

Lifting Disney's spirits is its hit animated prequel "Monsters University," from the company's Pixar studio, which finished the weekend in fourth place, grabbing $19.6 million for the weekend. Its global total topped $400 million through Sunday.

The female buddy comedy "The Heat," starring Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy, took the No. 3 slot pulling in $25 million, while the Brad Pitt zombie thriller "World War Z" earned $18.2 million to finish in fifth place. REUTERS

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In my 12 years as an entrepreneur I've come to realize that without my deep passion and desire to serve, I never would have been able to accomplish what I have. A powerful force has been working through me to achieve much success.

This force I speak of is within us all — we just have to allow it to come forth.

I believe that if you want to build a successful business based on service, you must be fiercely passionate about your work.

You have the power to awaken to your own passion to create a socially responsible and immensely fulfilling career; you just have to release all that blocks you from believing you can. Jump-start your own shift with these key principles for getting paid for your passion and stepping into your soul-centered career.

No. 1: Be moved by your mission

When we're inspired by our work, an invisible creative force takes over. Call it God, call it the Universe, call it whatever you wish. This energy leads us to learning opportunities, supportive people and miraculous guidance that guide our career paths.

When we invite this presence into our career, we allow inspiration to lead the way. Tap into what inspires you most. Then allow that inspiration to take over your consciousness and show you what to do. This spiritual intervention happens to us all in unique ways. The question is not, "How do I get there?" Rather, ask, "What am I passionate about?" Focus on that passion and trust the universe will lead the way.

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No. 2: Focus on the 'we,' not the 'me'

I built my business as a spiritual teacher, author and speaker because of my deep desire to create community and engage people in a transformational conversation. I believe that even my Twitter followers can feel my deep desire to serve the larger "we" rather than serve my ego's "me, me, me." I've learned that the best way for me to lead is to guide others to lead one another. Whatever your mission, focus on empowering the "we."

No. 3: Take inspired action

Often people begin their careers inspired by a mission only to get bogged down by daily tasks and practical steps that snuff out the spark of passion.

Counteract it by consciously taking inspired action daily. Back each mundane task with the same fierce passion that ignited your work. When you infuse your passion into the present moment, you invite the force of energy to work through you — and, in effect, you can expand time. Things get done, deadlines get met and your work has an impact. Make inspiration your business partner.

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No. 4: Create community
Interpersonal relationships are the greatest catalyst for creating a movement. In 2008, before my first book came out, I felt overwhelmed by the emails I received. I deeply wanted to serve each person who sought help, but I didn't have the bandwidth. I meditated on it and my inspiration spoke through me, saying, "Create a social networking community." Within a month I set up www.herfuture.com. Today, nearly 32,000 members work together to inspire, empower and connect with one another. This community has greatly helped me carry my message and serve at a higher capacity. Engage your local or online communities to help you carry out your work. You'll be amazed by the response to your call to action.

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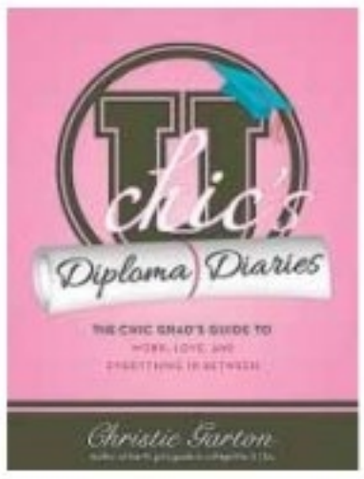

Gebhart poses with Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, who told her to be true to herself and her values.
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Just after graduating from Michigan State in 2011, Megan Gebhart was looking at a summer filled with the questions and anxieties of anyone beginning a new life.

Her answer was to get coffee — 52 cups' worth, to be exact. Gebhart started a blog called "52 Cups" that forced her to get out and meet new people — one each week. The advice and knowledge she gained from the coffee dates inspired her to flout her job search and travel. The advice and experience she gained landed her a job, as well as a contribution to the upcoming book "U Chic's Diploma Diaries." Here are her tips for recent grads:

Get coffee with somebody

It's not about the coffee, it's about making new connections. To a lot of people it can be terrifying to reach out to somebody. The trick is, you get insight from someone more experienced than you. Meeting new people can definitely open new doors. What I found is that people love helping students and recent graduates. Chances are, if you ask to meet, they'll say yes. If they say no, you move on with your life — it's not the end of the world, it's just coffee.

Tip

Start a side project

Whatever the idea or interest you have that's always in the back of your mind, create a project that integrates that idea into your life — even if it might not be related to your degree or career field. This is a point in your life where you have flexibility and free time, so it's the best time to follow your passion. When you do that, it helps you find a path to a longer-term plan. Start doing what you love now, because that will lead you to a place where you can possibly make a career of it.

Realize that side projects are real

We create reasons for why we can't do what we love, but when we do side projects it's great because you can go into an interview and demonstrate that you have initiative. You are passionate and diligent about achieving a goal. Even though your passion might not relate to the job you're applying for, it's a really great way to show your skills — and a great way to get some skills.

Start now

The thing that I always said about 52 cups is that it was an experiment, because I knew if I met some people my life would inevitably change in some way. I knew it would change, but I had to go out and do it, because if I sat around and waited for something to happen, nothing ever would have happened. It's not about undertaking some massive thing, it's that every week you're doing something to push yourself out there.

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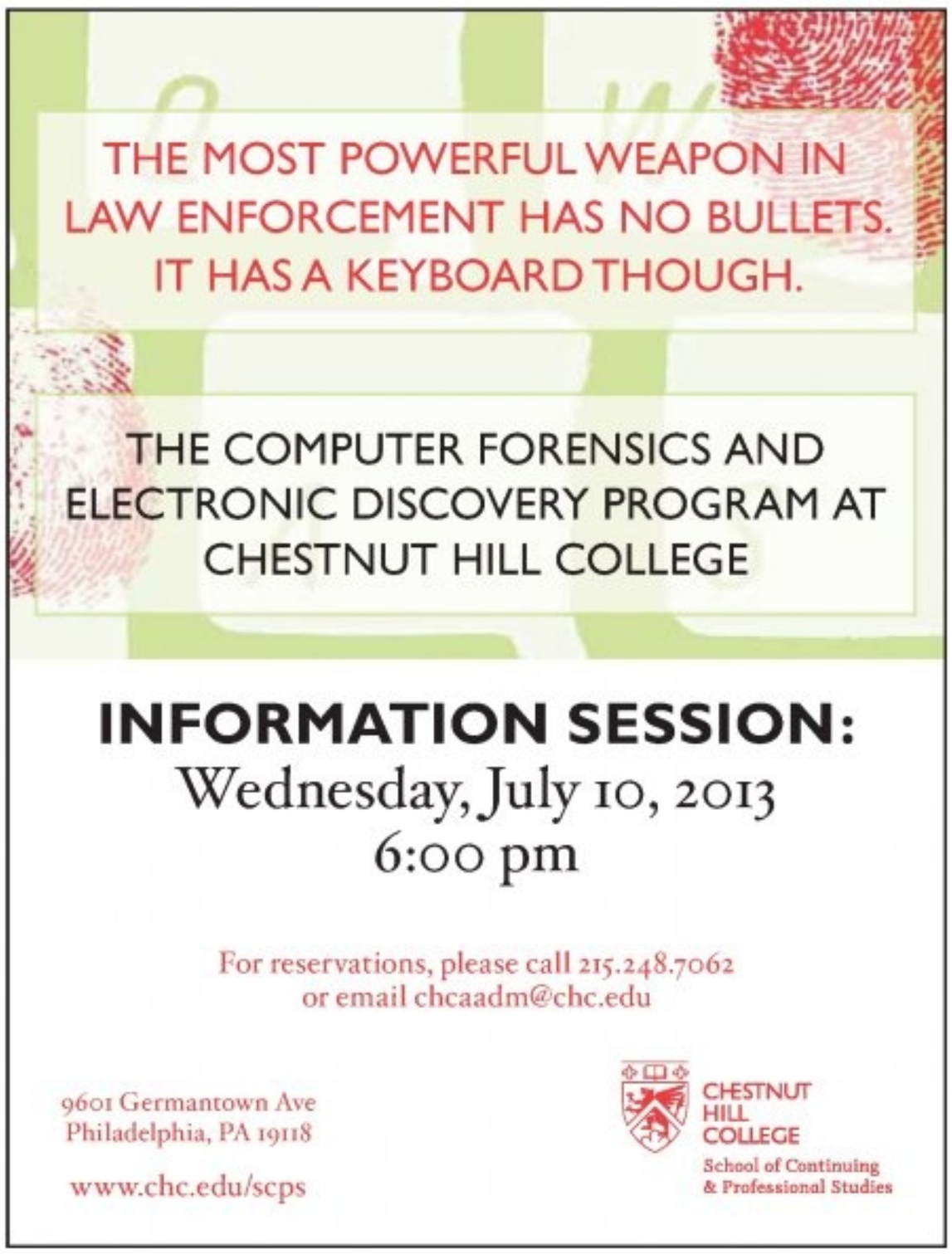
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Hacker School is a three-month, full-time school for programmers in New York City. It is completely free, and the lack of curriculum lets students focus on their passion projects, learning how to improve coding skills along the way. We spoke with Mary Rose Cook, a facilitator at Hacker School, about how it works.

As a facilitator, what does your day-to-day look like?
We just facilitate people becoming better programmers, sitting down and collaborating on code with students. We'll work with them for maybe an hour to two, writing code for their projects. Then we lead by example — we're students as well as facilitators, and we have our own projects — so we try to work on cool, interesting things, both to keep us occupied and excited, and to act as inspiration for other people at our school.

Unlike most schools, Hacker School has no grades, teachers or formal curriculum. Why?
We believe that people learn the best and have the most fun when they're doing something they are interested in. The problem with grades is that if you grade someone's work, whatever that work is, then the person who is working on it has something else as their main motivation now — they are no longer doing it for the sheer joy of it, or to learn something.

Why not have teachers or a curriculum?
We feel like everyone is interested in different stuff, therefore a curriculum that we impose on people might negate their interests. They might not be interested in the things we think they should be interested in. The variety of projects is super wide. Some people are working on technical computer design type stuff, and others are working on iPhone apps — it is totally self-led. There are some topics that are universally useful in work as a programmer, but [not too] many. To teach them, you can do it really informally [without wasting much time.]

At Hacker School, students work on projects that they choose and are interested in — no grades or curriculum needed. / GETTY IMAGES/WAVEBREAK MEDIA

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Facilitator at Hacker School on why the school doesn't use grades

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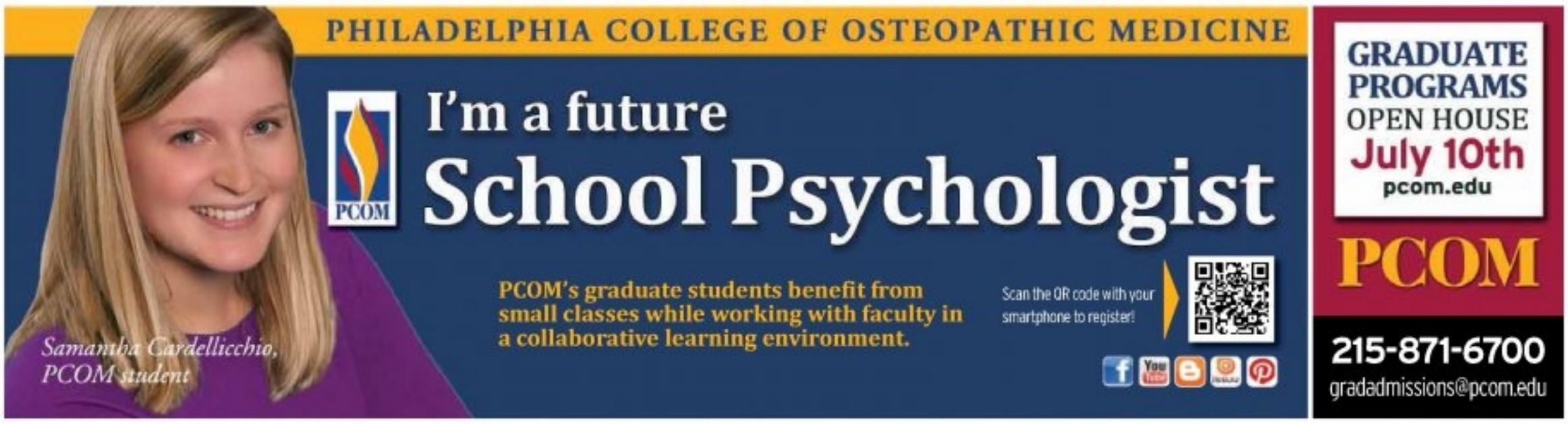

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5 Reasons never to lie on your résumé

When you're new to the job search, it's tempting to make yourself look more impressive by stretching the truth. Think again.

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It's tempting to embellish or lie on our résumés to land a coveted job — especially when just entering the work force as a student or a recent graduate. It's easy to immediately come up with a list of excuses for why we had to do what we did, but in reality, lying on your résumé not only hurts your employer – it hurts you too. Here are five reasons you should never lie (or even embellish) on that ever-important piece of paper:

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Reason #1

Employers will do research and know you're lying

It only takes a few minutes for employers to do a couple background checks — information is out there and easy to find. Employers will do reference checks and online searches to make sure your résumé is accurate. Inconsistencies will definitely keep you from getting hired.

Reason #2

You'll have the job, but you won't have the skills

When employers hire you, they do so on the basis that your résumé is an honest representation of the skills you have acquired. If you don't have those skills, you're not right for the role and you won't help the company — it's a lose-lose.

Reason #3

You'll land a job you don't even want

You've convinced yourself it's your dream job so you embellish on your résumé to get it. It won't take long to realize that the role doesn't fit you, and you've signed yourself up for months or years in a job you don't even enjoy. Now you're stuck in a job you don't know how to do that you can't ask for help with since you claimed to have those skills.

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Reason #4

It will jeopardize your career

It won't take long for your employer to realize the job doesn't fit you and you'll be stuck trying to explain to future employers why you were let go. No employer will be impressed to hear that you were dishonest, which means you can forget about asking for a reference.

People who work for companies in the same industry know each other, so if you lie to one employer, word can easily spread about your unethical ways.

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What to do instead

Alternatives to lying and embellishing

Instead of embellishing the truth to cover up gaps in employment or poor employment history, try a "combination resume" which highlights key accomplishments and skills instead of a chronological résumé. It helps for applicants to simply acknowledge when there are gaps.

If you have a gap in employment, you can list instead the things you did during that period, such as volunteer work, learning a new language or even traveling. In many industries, that's valuable experience, too. Pull the positive aspects from any experience you've had.

The best way to avoid embellishments is to have a discussion with a manager before leaving your job to discuss the contributions you made and your job duties, so that everything is clear.

Ask your manager what he or she feels is right in terms of what you will put on your résumé. If you fear the stigma of having been an intern, you can even ask if there is a specific title that would be appropriate.

Reason #5

You'll probably be unhappy

If you lie on your résumé and end up in a role you are not comfortable in, you'll waste time worrying that your employer will discover what you did. Save yourself the worry and disappointment and tell the truth from the beginning.

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The cost of smoking doesn't end with the ever-increasing price of a pack of cigarettes.

No matter how you look at it, smoking is expensive. Beyond the actual pack of smokes, treatment expenses and health care for smokers often break the bank. To combat some of these expenditures, there have been national campaigns to either reduce or fully outlaw public smoking. A new study from Ohio State University shows another way that smoking has become a burden: Through those little bits of time smokers use to light up.

According to the June study, employing smokers will cost employers upward of $5,800 per smoker each year. The costs due to loss of productivity because of periodic smoke breaks is more than $3,000 per smoker each year. Gregg Salka, an attorney at law firm Fisher & Phillip, represents employers who are concerned that employing smokers is bad for business.

As a representative for the employers, what are your biggest concerns about employing smokers?
Employers that have employees who take breaks in increments of five to 20 minutes throughout the day — if those employees are hourly, they need to be compensated. So I'm assuming that would decrease productivity just as someone who's browsing Amazon or posting on Facebook.

Is there anything else you'd like people to know about smoking and its impact on workplace productivity?
I think [employers] should really treat all their employees the same, regardless of whether they're smokers or non-smokers or Facebookers or non-Facebookers. An individual who is taking a break away from working time for whatever reason should be treated and disciplined the same.

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Solutions

What are some direct actions employers are planning to take with regards to the costliness of employing smokers and their breaks?
The best bet for employers is probably to institute some sort of a wellness program to reduce the overall likelihood that individuals will continue to smoke. Your costs will go down because your employees will be healthier, and they'll presumably be smoking less and working more. There are also subsidies that are available under the Affordable Care Act in certain situations for employers that implement such wellness programs, so that's another way to recoup some of the costs that are associated with smoking issues.

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. No one will be able to handle your affairs as competently as you, so do as little delegating as possible.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Finally, things could start happening that will enable you to fulfill an important goal. Move the moment you get the chance.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You must always strive for rational thought, but not to the extreme of quashing your dreams. Just make sure your optimism is based in reality.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You're about to enter a new cycle where, if you apply yourself, you should be able to upgrade your social and work statuses.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's a favorable time to find ways to develop your personality and work on your inner life.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. The timing is right and the conditions are conducive for making an important change that you've been anxious to implement.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Even if it's not formed for a commercial objective, a partnership arrangement can have far-reaching, favorable effects that way.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. You could find yourself in a better position to fulfill an ambitious goal that you've had trouble reaching.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. You should give full expression to urges to organize your affairs. With just a little effort, big improvements can be made.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Finally, you should be able to wrap up a troublesome situation. Persistence makes anything possible.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. With your ingenuity and creativity trending upward; it's a good day to capitalize on an unusual opportunity to bring in some big bucks.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Lady Luck is your ally, so there's a chance that several unusually big opportunities will become available to you. Keep your eyes peeled. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

Afford due process

Re: 'Martin didn't start it' (Metro, July 3-7) I wonder what trial letter writer Diane Ives has been watching in order to come up with an opinion as ridiculous as the one from the holiday edition. Ms. Ives must have it in her head that George Zimmerman is guilty of murdering Trayvon Martin no matter what the evidence shows. Multiple (prosecution) witnesses have said Zimmerman never changed his story and an eyewitness backed up his account, yet Diane somehow thinks George Zimmerman is lying because he was following Trayvon. Keep an open mind, Diane, because this trial has shown why Zimmerman wasn't immediately charged with anything. **KEVIN METZ, VIA EMAIL**

Saints come marching in

I would like to applaud Pope Francis and the Catholic Church for elevating Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII to the revered and holy state of sainthood. Pope John XXIII sought to bring reforms into the church, while John Paul II sought to bring himself closer to the people in order to restore peace to a world so severely divided by hate. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL**

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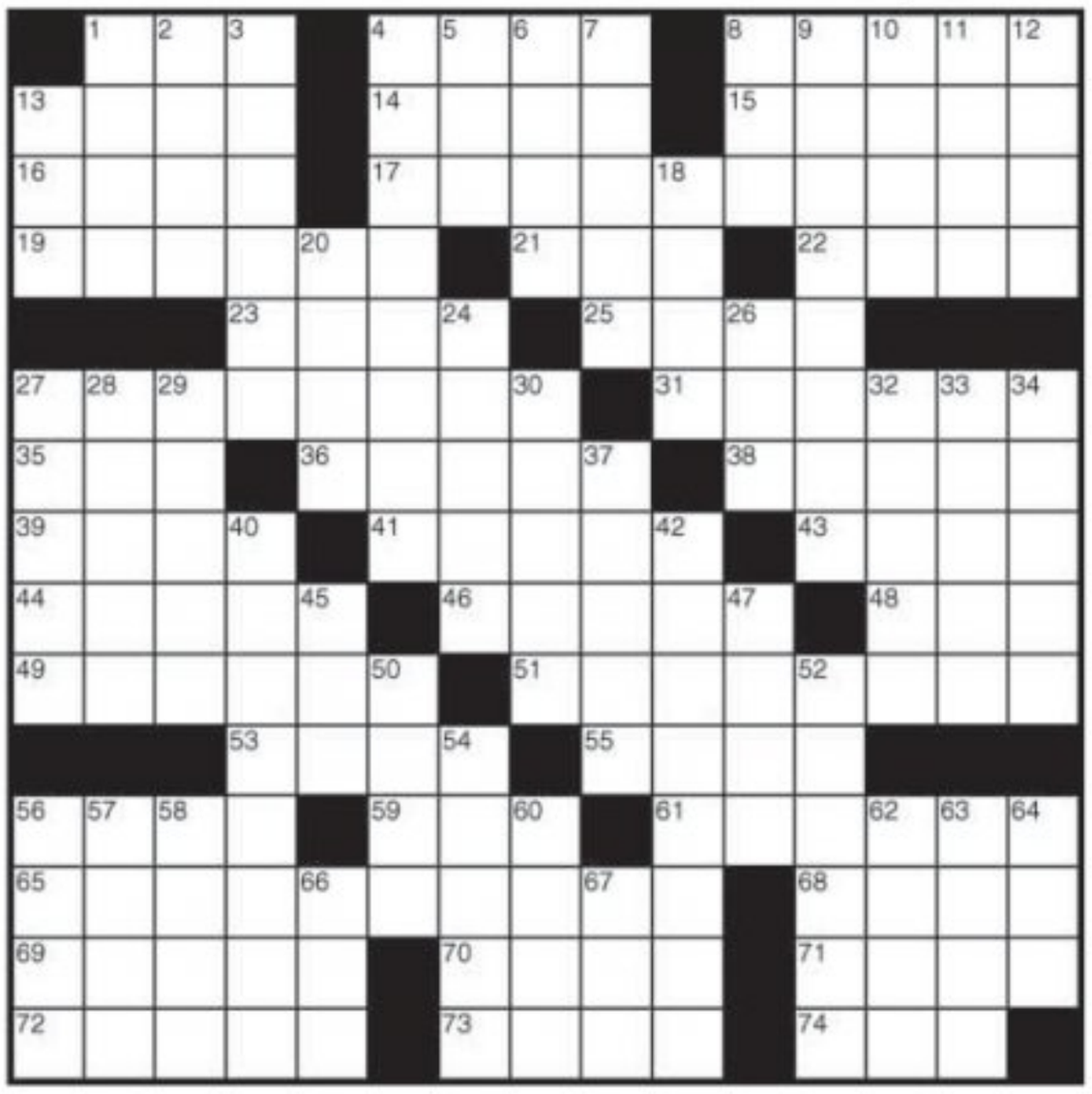

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3 SPORTS

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Rival: 'You just don't replace Ryan Howard'

MLB. Braves commented on the Big Piece's impact after the Phillies took two of three from Atlanta.

When Fredi Gonzalez was asked about the Phillies' chances Friday night, the Braves manager said the Phillies have yet to get hot.

"They haven't had one of their big streaks yet this year," Gonzalez said. "Ryan Howard has yet to get going yet, either."

The first part might be happening. The Phillies have won four of their last six games after beating the Braves, 7-3, yesterday. But the latter may never occur in 2013.

Howard has been placed on the 15-day DL. He'll get an MRI on his ailing left knee today. The team hasn't ruled out surgery.

When informed of Howard's situation, Gonzalez was blunt.

"That really hurts the Phillies if this is the end of the year for him," Gonzalez said. "He's a guy that's been incredibly productive."

When Gonzalez was told that many of the Phillies' faithful have soured on Howard, he laughed.

"I guess they don't know baseball," Gonzalez said. "Howard is a guy that can change a game. He's a difference-maker."

The first half of the 2012 season backs that up. When Howard was out rehabbing his Achilles tendon injury from April through July, the Phillies received next to little production out of the first base position. When Howard returned, the historic run producer drove in 56 runs in just 71 games.

"You can't replace what he provides," an NL scout said. "Few people can do what he's capable of doing. Without him, the Phillies would have been hard-pressed to have as much success as they did during their run."

Darin Ruf has been called up. He started at first base yesterday against the Braves, going 1-for-2 with a double and two runs scored.

"You just don't replace Ryan Howard," Braves catcher Brian McCann said. "I don't know anyone who has done the things he's done over the years. He was always an RBI machine. It's going to be tough for them without him."

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Ryan Howard will undergo an MRI today on his left knee. / GETTY IMAGES

Driving 'em home

Ryan Howard is a historic run producer. Here's how he stacks up against the all-time greats.

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AFL. Derrick Ross has surpassed the all-time rushing yardage mark, and has the TD record in his sights.

Ross has 101 TDs in his career. / PHILADELPHIA SOUL

Football fans in Philadelphia have seen some great rushers over the years. Guys like Wilbert Montgomery, Brian Westbrook, Ricky Watters and LeSean McCoy. Add one more name: Derrick Ross.

"The Boss" — the Soul fullback's unofficial nickname — has earned a place atop the AFL record books. Ross became the AFL's all-time leader in rushing yards, with 1,618, surpassing Bo Kelly's mark of 1,571. His teammates and peers around the league were shocked that he broke Kelly's record.

"They couldn't believe that I did it. They were actually happy for me," said Ross. "Everybody in the locker room was happy for me and still happy for me no matter what."

The 29-year old Ross is in his second season with the Soul. He said he's been receiving a lot of positive reception across the area. In addition to his yardage record, Ross has a shot at surpassing the AFL's all-time rushing touchdown mark (Barry Wagner, 127). He stands at 101 after scoring one in Saturday's 58-26 win over Chicago.

The fans "have been giving me so much love," Ross said. "I get love from people I don't even know, but people have been coming from the [woodwork] and congratulating me on the victory, and on the rushing title. That's always awesome."

Ross, who played one NFL season with Kansas City in 2006, stated that his NFL experience taught him how to become a better fullback.

"It helps a lot because it teaches me patience, no matter where I'm at with the offensive line," Ross said.

Ross hasn't closed the door on trying to make an NFL team in the near future. One person close to Ross believes he can make it at the next level.

"He's as good as he wants to be," Soul coach Clint Dolezel said. "He can definitely go play fullback with somebody if given the opportunity, but he's got to want to pursue that dream, and I don't know if that's in his dream right now."

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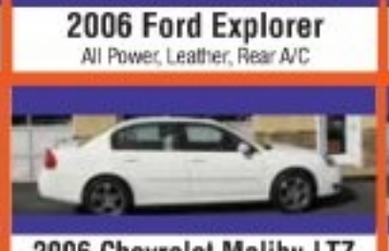
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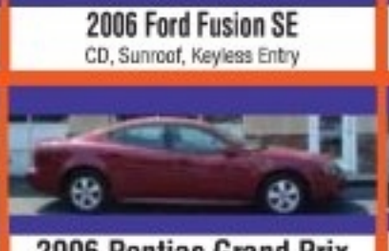
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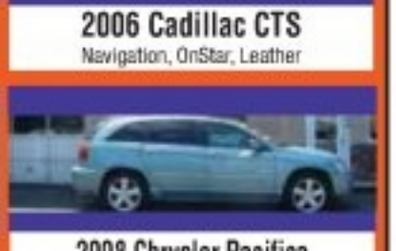
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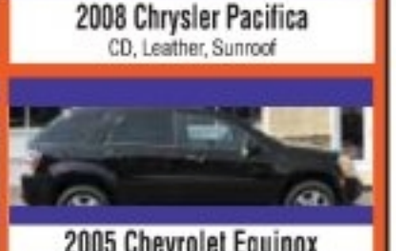
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Hockey. Lecavalier leads free agency frenzy for Flyers

Let the record show that Ray Emery's first stint with the Flyers resulted in the 2010 Stanley Cup Final. Let the record also show that he didn't have much to do with it, since he missed the second half of the season with a hip injury that threatened his career.

Now he's back, fresh off watching the Blackhawks win another Stanley Cup from the bench. Emery is the latest in a long line of "frequent Flyers" that last year included Simon Gagne, Mike Knuble, Ruslan Fedotenko and Brian Boucher. Emery is expected to share goaltending duties with Steve Mason.

And the new look in goal is hardly the only change. The team netted Vinny Lecavalier in free agency and signed him to a five-year, $22.5 million deal.

"After I talked with Philly, even before any offers or anything, they went right to the top of the list," said Lecavalier, who was bought out after a 14-year career in Tampa. "When you get bought out, it's definitely motivation. I guess I want to prove the Flyers right, not the Lightning wrong."

Mark Streit, a 35-year-old Swiss puck-handling defenseman, inked a multi-year (four years, $21 million) contract. He gives the Flyers six veteran defensemen making at least $3.5 million (Kimmo Timonen, Braydon Coburn, Andres Meszaros, Nicklas Grossmann and Luke Schenn) to go with youngsters Erik Gustafsson, Oliver Lauridsen and Marc-Andre Bourdon.

That may seem like a lot, but last year's slew of injuries showed how critical depth is.

"We added, in my opinion, still one of the better players in the game in Vinny Lecavalier," said GM Paul Holmgren. "And adding Ray to bring in along with Steve Mason, I think solidifies our goaltending position." **JON MARKS**

Team bonding

GM Paul Holmgren said it was important to keep the Flyers' young nucleus.

- Claude Giroux, who inked an eight-year, $66.2 million extension, might see time on Vinny Lecavalier's line. The key is to blend them with Jake Voracek, Sean Couturier, Brayden Schenn and Matt Read.

Dixon takes top honors at Pocono

Scott Dixon sped away with the checkered flag yesterday at Pocono Raceway in the first IndyCar event at Long Pond since 1989. Dixon was followed by Chip Ganassi Racing teammates Charlie Kimball and Dario Franchitti in the 400-mile race. The win marked Dixon's 30th career IndyCar victory. "It's fantastic to be back in the circle. It means a lot," Dixon said. / GETTY IMAGES

Tennis

Murray wins Wimbledon

Andy Murray won the men's title at Wimbledon yesterday, ending a 77-year drought for British males there. Murray defeated top-seeded Novak Djokovic in the final.

Murray fell to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final last year. **METRO**

UFC

Weidman upsets Silva

Chris Weidman upset middleweight champion Anderson Silva at UFC 162. Weidman caught Silva with a left hook in the second round.

Silva, who was taunting Weidman, suffered his first loss in UFC. **METRO**

NBA

Report: Asik seeking trade

Omer Asik is seeking a trade out of Houston, according to ESPN. The news comes days after the Rockets landed Dwight Howard in free agency. Asik started 82 games at center last year. **METRO**

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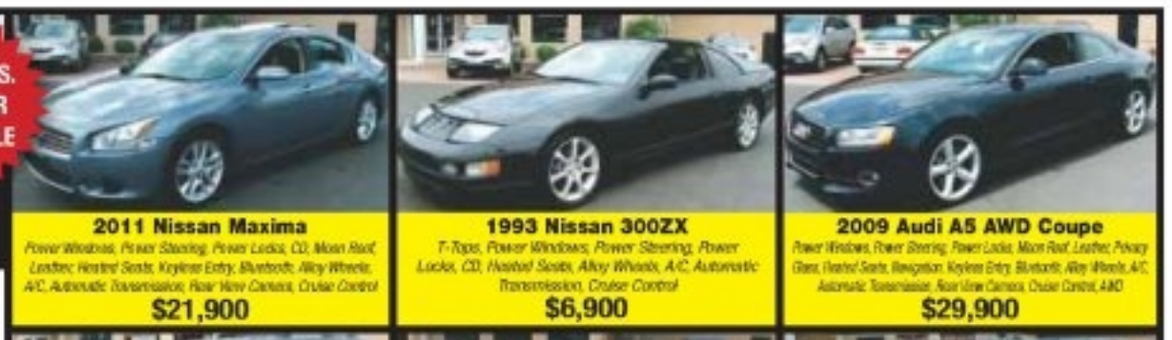
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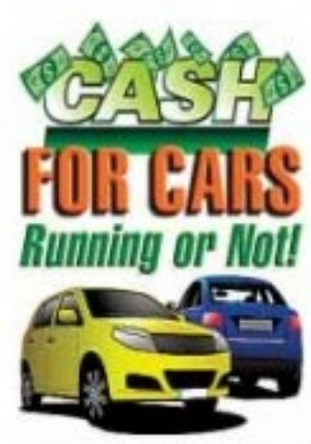

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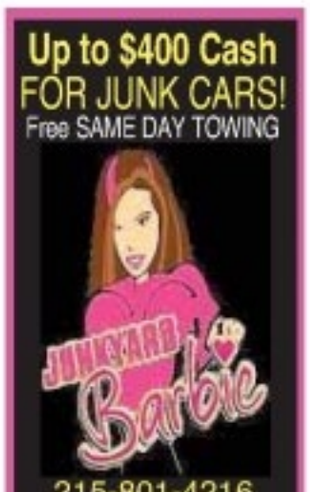

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